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SUBJECT: ACCOMMODATING AUSTRIAN RESPONSE TO YUGOSLAV CONCILIATORY  
MOVE ON YUGOSLAV-AUSTRIAN DISPUTE

REF: BELGRADE 2755

1. FONMIN BIELKS SEIZED OPPORTUNITY OF LONG-SCHEDULED  
AND OTHERWISE ROUTINE SPEECH TO AUSTRIAN FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION  
EVENING JUNE 4 TO RESPOND IN KIND TO RECENT CONCILIATORY  
STATEMENTS AND MOVES BY YUGOSLAVS IN CONNECTION WITH  
YUGOSLAV/AUSTRIAN CONTROVERSY OVER SLOVENE MINORITY  
SITUATION IN AUSTRIA. BIELKA OBSERVED THAT IT WOULD  
BE IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO BREAK  
VICIOUS CIRCLE OF NOTES AND POLEMICS AND TO PUT  
BILATERAL RELATIONS BACK ON FRIENDLY, GOOD NEIGHBORLY  
BASIS. HE SAID AUSTRIA WOULD DO ITS PART IN THIS  
CONNECTION AND REGISTERED HIS CONFIDENCE THAT "REMOVAL  
OF PRESENT DIFFICULTIES" WOULD SOON BE POSSIBLE.  
AUSTRIA, BU SUGGESTING BILATERAL TALKS, WAS NOT  
ATTEMPTING TO AVOID ITS RESPONSIBILITY RE BILINGUAL  
ROAD SIGNS UNDER 1955 AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY.  
ON CONTRARY, IT WAS, BIELKA NOTED, FULLY AWARE OF ITS  
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STILL PENDING OBLIGATIONS IN THIS REGARD AND REGRETTE

ITS INABILITY THUS FAR TO RESOLVE ISSUE.

2. VIENNA PRESS OF JUNE 5 ALSO REPORTED RETURN TO  
BELGRADE OF AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR OTTO, A MOVE CITED  
AS ANOTHER SIGN OF EASING OF POLEMICS IN CONNECTION  
WITH DISPUTE.

3. COMMENT: GOA IS OBVIOUSLY RELIEVED OVER GOY  
DECISION, AS NOTED REFTEL, TO MOVE FORWARD ON DISCUSSION  
OF RESTITUTION TO YUGOSLAVIA OF CULTURAL PROPERTIES.  
SUCH DISCUSSIONS SHOULD HELP IMPROVE ATMOSPHERICS OF  
BILATERAL RELATIONS DURING SUMMER AND EARLY FALL MONTHS  
AND COULD ASSIST IN PROVIDING CONDUCIVE SETTING FOR  
SERIOUS AUSTRIAN EFFORT ON BILATERAL ROAD SIGN ISSUE  
FOLLOWING OCTOBER 5 NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN AUSTRIA. BUCHANAN

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